

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

A replacement sheet for FIGURE 6 is provided to delete the label "Prior Art." The replacement drawing does not include new matter.

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on December 27, 2006. Presently, Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Of these, Claims 1-14 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a nonelected invention. Claims 15-22 have been examined and stand rejected. Reconsideration of Claims 15-22 is respectfully requested.

The Amendment to the Figures

The label "Prior Art" has been deleted from FIGURE 6. The amendment to FIGURE 6 is supported from page 20, lines 23-26, and page 21, lines 12-25. Thus, no new matter is being added. The label was inadvertently added. Thus, FIGURE 6 is not prior art.

The Rejection of Claims 15-18 and 20-22 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

Claims 15-18 and 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,370,013 (Iino et al.). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. For a reference to be anticipatory, the reference must exactly describe the claimed invention.

Claim 15 is related to an embedded capacitor made from a capacitor paste that is filled in the plurality of inner via holes formed in a non-copper clad laminate. Further, Claim 15 recites the capacitor paste is provided with copper foil layers on both upper and lower surfaces of the capacitor paste, which includes top electrodes, bottom electrodes, and signal circuit patterns. Iino et al. describes the capacitor 3 of Figure 2A has a capacitor body 3a that is formed by laminating ceramic dielectric layers 5. (Col. 6, lines 25-27.) The capacitor body 3a has four positive terminal electrodes 6a and four negative terminal electrodes 6b. In the capacitor 3 of Figure 2A, the negative terminal electrodes 6b are formed at the middle of each side of the capacitor 3 and the positive terminal electrodes 6a are formed at the corners of the capacitor 3. (Col. 6, lines 31-34.) Furthermore, Iino et al. describes a prepreg layer 1b made from fabric impregnated with a thermosetting resin juxtaposed at the bottom of the capacitor 3. (Col. 9, lines 23-24.) Accordingly, Iino et al. fails to teach or suggest various elements of Claim 15, including a capacitor paste that fills the inner via holes, top and bottom electrodes on and below

the capacitor paste, and resin coated copper layers laminated to the bottom electrodes. For a reference to be anticipatory, the reference must exactly describe the claimed invention. Because Iino et al. does not exactly describe the above-mentioned limitations, the reference is not anticipatory.

Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 15-18 and 20-22 is respectfully requested.

The Rejection of Claim 19 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,370,013 (Iino et al.) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0116919 (Heim et al.).

Claim 19 is dependent from Claim 15. Neither the Iino et al. patent nor the Heim et al. application teaches or suggests, alone or in combination, the invention that is defined by Claim 15. Because Claim 19 is dependent from Claim 15, Claim 19 is submitted to be allowable. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 19 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that Claims 15-22 are allowable. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may contact applicants' attorney at the number provided below.

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